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**ATTENTION PARAMEDICS  
REGULATION CHANGES AFFECTING  
CONTINUING EDUCATION**

Effective November 20, 2003, new regulations were passed that changes the continuing education requirements to relicensure. Please visit our website at [www.kbems.org](http://www.kbems.org) for further details.

**Section 3. Relicensure and Continuing Education Requirements.**

(1) A paramedic shall be eligible for relicensure if:

(a) The applicant submits to the KBEMS office a signed, completed "Universal Application for Recertification/Relicensure";

(b) The applicant maintains written evidence of completion of current education or training in CPR that:

1. Shall be taught by an individual who holds instructor certification at an appropriate level from:

- a. The American Red Cross;
- b. The AHA;
- c. The National Safety Council;
- d. The ASHI; or
- e. Another board approved organization; and

2. Shall provide instruction and testing in:

- a. One (1) rescuer CPR;
- b. Two (2) rescuer CPR;
- c. Techniques of changing from one (1) to two (2) rescuers during the performance of CPR;
- d. Techniques of changing rescuers during the performance of two (2) rescuer CPR;
- e. Techniques for relief of obstruction of the airway;
- f. CPR of infants and small children;
- g. Barrier-to-mouth, barrier-to-nose, or barrier-to-stoma resuscitation for adults, small children, and infants;
- h. Use of oral and nasal airways;
- i. Use of bag-valve-mask or other ventilation device;
- j. Use of supplemental oxygen; and
- k. Use and operation of an AED;

(c) The applicant maintains written evidence of completion of current HIV/AIDS training required by KRS 311A.110;



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- (d) The applicant pays the fee established in 202 KAR 7:030; and
  - (e) The applicant maintains evidence of any of the following:
    - 1. Current registration by the NREMT as an NREMT-P;
    - 2. Successful completion of the University of Maryland Baltimore Campus Critical Care Emergency Medical Transport Program; or
    - 3. Successful completion of sixty (60) hours of continuing education of which:
      - a. A maximum of sixteen (16) hours per course may be claimed for obtaining, maintaining, or instructing provider certification in:
        - (i) ACLS;
        - (ii) PALS;
        - (iii) BTLS;
        - (iv) PHTLS; or
        - (v) PEPP; and
      - b. Thirty (30) of the required sixty (60) hours shall be obtained in the following areas:
        - (i) Two (2) in preparatory;
        - (ii) Four (4) in airway management;
        - (iii) Five (5) in cardiac management;
        - (iv) Four (4) in medical or behavioral emergencies;
        - (v) Five (5) in trauma;
        - (vi) Two (2) in obstetrics or gynecology;
        - (vii) Five (5) in pediatrics; and
        - (viii) Three (3) in operations.
- (2) All applicants for relicensure shall complete a minimum of one (1) hour in disaster management or mass casualty incidents education or training.
- (3) Each applicant shall provide evidence of current certification in ACLS through either the AHA or ASHI at the time of application.
- (4) All continuing education shall be validated by:
- (a) The instructor, medical director, training officer, course coordinator, or provider of the continuing education offering; or
  - (b) A medical director, service director, or training officer of the ambulance service, first response agency, fire department, rescue squad or other medical employer.
- (5) An application for renewal of licensure shall be denied if:
- (a) Prior to the licensure expiration date, the paramedic applicant has not met the applicable requirements of this administrative regulation; or
  - (b) The applicant has been subjected to disciplinary action that prevents relicensure at the time of application.
- (6) A licensed paramedic, in good standing, who is a member of a National Guard or a military reserve unit and is called to active duty by presidential order pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 121 and 673b may be given a one (1) year extension following release from active duty to meet the applicable requirements for relicensure listed in this section. The paramedic shall submit a written request for this extension within sixty (60) days of release from active duty.
- (7) The KBEMS office may audit a paramedic's continuing education and continuing education records.
- (8) The paramedic shall maintain documentation of all continuing education for four (4) years from the date of completion.